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PERSONS

The Rev. Reuben E. Sorensen, Navy chaplain, presented on June 1 the commanding officer of the ship on which he at present is on duty, with an inscribed New Testament given by the American Bible Society as a symbol of the forty million copies of the Scriptures which the society has supplied to the Armed Forces and to liberated populations in various countries. The presentation was made in the presence of the entire personnel of the ship.

Dr. J. A. Aasgaard preached June 19 at St. John's Church, Howard Lake, Minn. The following week he presented the cause of the Norwegian American Historical Association, of which he is the president, at a meeting of the Stavanger-Lag at Story City, Iowa, and early in July he will present the same cause at a meeting of the Sundhordlands-Lag at Forest City, Iowa. On June 26 he will be the festival speaker at the centennial of the parish at Caledonia, Minn., on Aug. 7 at the fiftieth anniversary of the Rosholt parish in Wisconsin; and on Aug. 28 at the centennial of the Hickory Grove Church, Boscobel, Wis. On July 24 and 31 he will preach in Granite Falls Church, Granite Falls, Minn.

The Rev. John B. Rockne, Garvin, Minn., was honored May 31, on the fortieth anniversary of his ordination, by his parish at a gathering held at Lake Shetek Bible Camp. Among the gifts presented him were also some from parishes served earlier by him.

Dr. E. Clifford Nelson, professor at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, has been appointed director of the Lutheran World Federation assembly scheduled to be held in Minneapolis Aug. 16-25, 1957. Dr. Nelson will have leave of absence from his teaching duties for the 1956-57 academic year to serve as assembly director.

The Rev. Benjamin R. Maakestad, Conrad, Montana, died June 5, in his 53rd year. Obituary later.

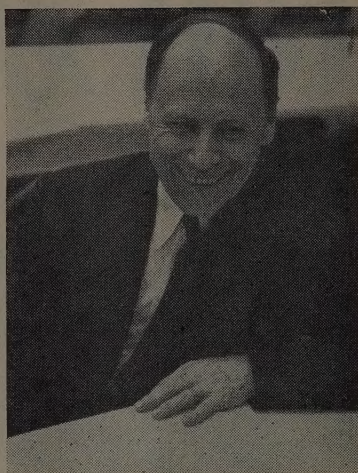
Dr. Johannes Astrup, the well-known Zululand missionary, died in South Africa June 8 in his 83rd year. A detailed obituary will appear later.

The Rev. Wallace J. Asper has leave of absence as senior pastor of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for continued graduate study at New York University's School of Education.

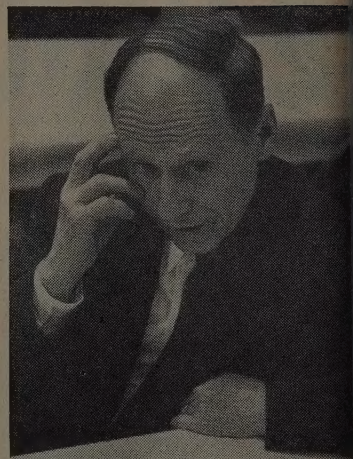
The Rev. Hardis G. Bakken, pastor of Hauge Church, Chicago, Ill., has

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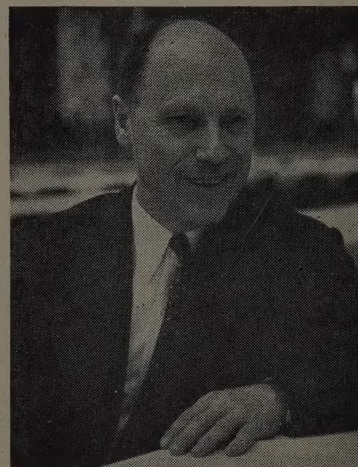
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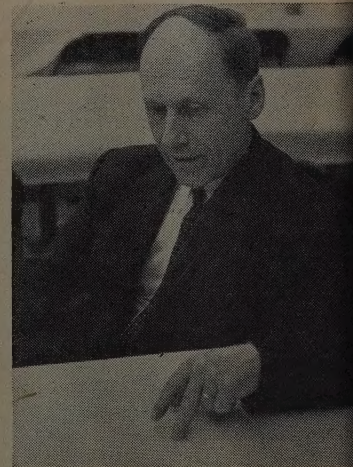
"I certainly am enjoying my visit here"



"Yes, I taught before entering the ministry"



"The Lutheran merger movement is going well"



"Our Church now has 960,000 members"

These pictures were taken of Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church, during the Eastern District convention at Madison, Wisconsin, and appeared in The Wisconsin State Journal, May 26. The pictures and captions are reprinted here by courtesy of the Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, Mr. Roy L. Matson, editor.

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Evangelism in Alaska

Dar Roa
Youth Evangelist

Majestic Mt. McKinley fades out of focus fast as this turbo-Constellation wings its way over rugged Alaskan terrain. Mighty McKinley, stretching up to 20,300 feet, America's loftiest peak. It symbolizes for me evangelism heights.

April in Alaska, assisting congregations in youth evangelism, proved to be a personal "Mt. McKinley experience" in several ways.

The first week centered at Nome on the edge of the Bering Sea. Pastor Norval Hegland superintends this marvelous Eskimo mission very capably. He is a unique combination of able theologian, pastor, and pilot-mechanic.

Serving the newest Eskimo mission station at Nome are Intern Curtiss Johnson and wife, Ruth. This formerly fabulously rich gold rush center is growing again as Eskimos, like we, urbanize. As native villages deplete, Nome becomes increasingly strategic for the Kingdom. The fruitful decades of labor by our missionaries in the villages will not be lost, however. The insight of our Home Mission leadership calls for a pastor and social worker to capitalize on the gains made by the Johnsons.

Unique for me was a broadcast via Air Force radio, beamed to include Siberia. No "fan mail" ever arrived in response! Though only 50 miles between U.S. and USSR mainlands, mail service is understandably non-existent.

David Walluk is a sample of God's fruit in this field. A product of the splendid work at far northern Shishmaref, David migrated to Nome. Pagan whites have a way of de-

moralizing natives all over the globe. David began gambling. Five hundred dollar stakes netted him \$3,000 in one evening. Alcohol added to his misery.

But the God of his youth would not easily let him defect to the devil. He told me how on Easter Sunday when "the preacher said, 'Christ died for you and for me,'" his heart was pierced. He actually felt his chest to test if something was pricking him. The following week while whale-hunting, David became very ill. He vividly relates how he was the object of a fierce battle between his Savior and Satan. In desperation, David knelt on the permanently frozen tundra to surrender his life to Christ. "Immediately," says he, "my illness left. I was healed; I slept soundly for many hours. I was very glad."

David's radiant witness was evidenced in Nome this Easter when he refused to race his exceptional dog team on the day of his Lord's resurrection. He'd won first place in the previous race; local gamblers were eager to bet on his winning again. He could well use the \$60 prize money, but he elected to reserve Easter for worship. Nome knows David's witness well. He's traveled many miles by dog sled to ask forgiveness of folks he offended during his days apart from Christ.



Evangelist Roa preaching at Shishmaref; Walter Nayokpuk interpreting; Miss Helen Frost seated at the organ



Evangelist Roe in Alex Weyouanna's dog sled, about to take off with Pastor Hegland in mission airplane from Shishmaref to Teller

Faithful workers like Miss Noreen Paulsen at Teller Mission, the Heglands at Teller Town, Pastor Al Tastad at Lost River (our continent's only tin mine), and veteran of the North, Helen Frost, at Shishmaref, are serving sacrificially as our arm of love to the Eskimos. Home Missions and LDR rate a vigorous salute for keeping us concerned about these lovable Eskimo brethren.

Though their clothes are of fur and their diet of fish, their needs of the Spirit are the same as ours. A ten-year old at Shishmaref typified this when he stuck his grinning face out of his attractive parka to say with vigor, "Thank you for talking to us the Word of God."

I promised these fellow Christians our prayers: let's not let them down. I wonder if ever again I'll be privileged to speak to 97% of the town population in one meeting, as at Shishmaref. My week with the Eskimos was a McKinley height!

The second week in Alaska began at Fairbanks after a flight that crossed the Arctic circle and trailed the mighty Yukon. Though 55 below there this winter, April was most pleasant.

Pastor and Mrs. John Maakestad have now concluded

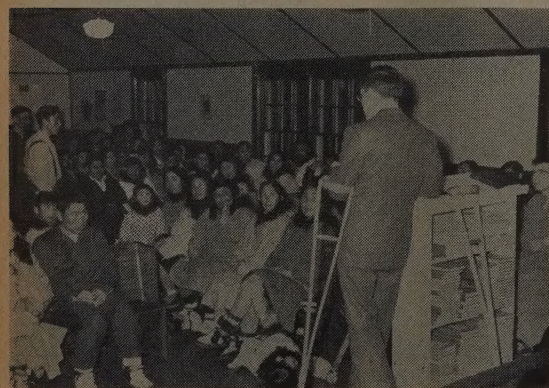
their vital ministry at Fairbanks. They will be serving in our stead at Shishmaref. When they arrive by air (one ship yearly only) with their three children they begin a thrilling pastoral ministry. Who else serves one-church town with about 95% of the population confessing Christians?

A sample of youth initiative flowered at Fairbanks when one Leaguer arranged an extended TV interview. Another "mountain top" developed after speaking at the Fairbanks high school. Disturbed youth requested personal interviews. It's a privilege to confront hundreds of assembled youth, but it's a thrill to counsel with one. To lead one lad to Calvary is joy far beyond climbing even McKinley.

The third wonderful week began at Anchorage with an all-Protestant youth rally. The planning teams had only two weeks to prepare actively for the series, but their enthusiasm capitalized on every moment. A case in point is the eleven separate sessions they arranged for Sunday. These included briefings for both youth and adult visitation teams and a service at the federal jail. Many young Army men based nearby participated energetically. One got leave of duty to be free all week to work on the meetings.

Following each well-planned evening meeting, interested folks remained for a "buzz session" on youth problems. This became an enriching Christian fellowship. Another height here was speaking to the 1,400 Anchorage high school students. (Their lovely \$5 million school compares interestingly with the only \$7,200,000 Seward paid for all of Alaska!) School administrators are increasingly sensitive to youth's need for spiritual values. We are happy to help them meet this need.

After our last meeting in Anchorage an eleven-year old Scout pointed to his twelve-year old pal as he said to me, "*He showed me the light!*" When I asked what he meant by that he buoyantly told how through his pal's persuasion he had joined the congregation's Scout



Preaching to the Eskimo congregation at Shishmaref



Choir at Shishmaref

o, attending the youth meetings, and now *knew* he a Christian. It was pure privilege to assist the fruit-ministry of the Mjorud's here.

final week in Alaska became my richest experience in visitation evangelism. Pastor and Mrs. Dwight at Seward led their fifty families to an active con- for their community. This striking city nestles next rim of spectacular mountains on the edge of Resur- on Bay. Early Russian explorers first arrived here Easter. Thanks to the prayers of God's people, the usion of His Holy Spirit, and the aggressive visita- by the congregation in the community, each day rrection power vitalized sinners and revitalized py saints.

fter every evening session, a committee would ad- s a "Thank you for coming" letter to every person

present. A "We missed you" letter was mailed to absent friends. Each letter concluded with, "Whom are you bringing along tonight?" Accumulation of dated letters in mail boxes added urgency to the repeated invitations. The consecrated Christian postmaster inspected waste- baskets at the end of the day to see who discarded letters. Then he checked with them personally!

A recently confirmed Jewish bartender (looking for other employment) invited his patrons to church. His station-wagon brought alcoholics home from church to make sure they got home. He wasn't afraid to "talk church" over the bar.

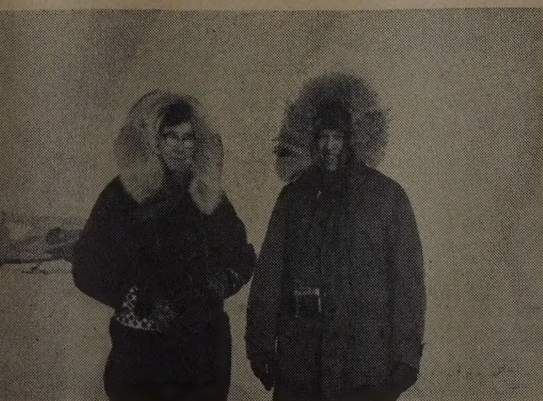
Space limits multiplication of illustrations. Praying Christians will want to remember the brethren in Alaska as they continue to capture youth for Christ. Their pri- mary resource, like ours, is our God-given young people.

PASTOR-ELECT VISITS SHISHMAREF

The pictures below were received too late to accompany the article by the Rev. John Maakestad, "A Shadow in the Arctic" (issue of June 7). Pastor Maakestad will begin his work in Shishmaref July 1.



Pastor Maakestad and Parishioner Grace Tocktoo



th Miss Helen Frost, missionary whose life has been wedded to rk among the Eskimo



Pastor Maakestad learns that shovelling snow may be part of his future duties

South Central District Convention



Officers elected, left to right: V. T. Jordahl, president; I. M. Gjellstad, stewardship secretary; Burton W. Smith, secretary-treasurer; Olaf Holen, vice president; Jacob Enderson, assistant secretary-treasurer

More than 1,000 pastors, lay delegates, and visitors attended the biennial convention of the South Central District of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. The meeting was held May 31 through June 3 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Dr. V. T. Jordahl, Mason City, Iowa, was re-elected president of the district. Others named include: the Rev. Olaf Holen, Roland, Iowa, vice president; the Rev. Burton W. Smith, Forest City, Iowa, secretary-treasurer; the Rev. Jacob Enderson, Mason City, Iowa, assistant to Pastor Smith; and the Rev. I. M. Gjellstad, Decorah, Iowa, stewardship secretary.

The Women's Missionary Federation met at the same time and named Mrs. Sherman Hoslett, Decorah, president; Mrs. Ernest Skattebo, Wallingford, Iowa, first vice president; Mrs. J. E. Borgen, Cresco, Iowa, second vice president; Mrs. C. E. Warland, Badger congregation, Fort Dodge, secretary; and Mrs. C. L. Peterson, Buffalo Center, Iowa, treasurer.

The Brotherhood, men's organization of the Church, named P. G. Knudson, Waco, Texas, president, also at a meeting in Fort Dodge held at the same time. Others named included Olin G. Eng, Eagle Grove, Iowa, secretary; Merle E. Holt, Ottosen, Iowa, vice president; and Matt J. Kallestad, Marshalltown, treasurer.

In his annual report Dr. Jordahl said that three district organizations, in the past year, have lent credit to establish Home Mission congregations: St. Olaf, Fort Dodge; St. Olaf, Bode, Iowa; and the Estherville Circuit.

The president reported that these Iowa congregations are supporting, fully or in part, foreign missionaries over

and above regular benevolence giving; Callender Parish, Callender; Zion, Clear Lake; St. John's, Cylinde Central, Des Moines; Trinity, Ellsworth; Estherville Lutheran, Estherville; Immanuel, Forest City; Palestine-Nazareth, Huxley; Beaver Creek, Joice; Kanawha East St. John's, Kanawha; Elk Creek, Kensett; Saller Lake Mills; Winnebago, Lake Mills; Trinity, Mason City; Rock Creek, Osage; and Morningside, Sioux City.

The Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation and Lutheran Children of the Reformation also met in Fort Dodge.

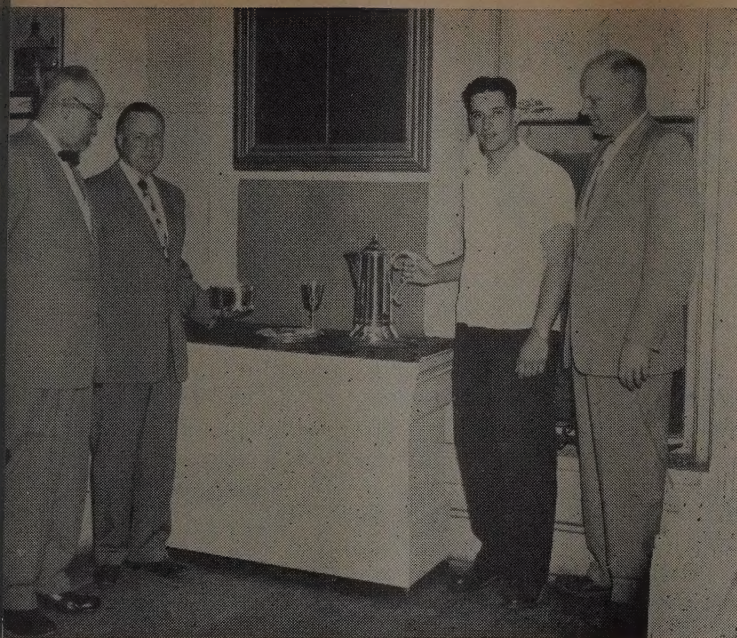
Give Me a Song!

Thelma Allinder

*Give me a song that I may sing
Of You, my Lord! . . . this lyric ring
Across the land and sea . . . Your Word
Be brought to those who have not heard
Of You and now are awakening!*

*Give me a song that it may wing
Its way where You are challenging
The reign of sin, so long endured.*

*Give me a song!
Oh, guide my pen now fashioning
A metric cry to You, my King!
Dear Master, I would be assured
Of aid from You in witnessing!
Give me a song!*



As the Altar Service was placed in custody of the Museum. Left to right: the Rev. A. Ofstedal, pastor, First Lutheran, Decorah; Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker, president, Luther College; Mr. Arthur Dryver, representing Lake View Church; the Rev. I. M. Gjellstad, pastor of Decorah Lutheran

Mr. Arthur Dryver, a member of the Lake View Lutheran Church of Chicago who is at present a student at Luther College, was recently the bearer of a very precious and historic set of altar silver to the Norwegian American Museum in Decorah. It was not a gift, but a loan, and one which the Museum was very happy to have in its custody, namely, the so-called Jenny Lind Altar Silver Set. It is not only of rare beauty, but it has a most interesting history.

Lake View Lutheran Church was organized in 1848. Very early in its history it had learned that a group of Swedish immigrants, who had just landed in Chicago, were in dire straits. They had been the victims of the "birds of prey" who preyed on newcomers, and they were helpless in a large city in a strange land. No sooner did the Lake View Congregation hear of their plight than they came to the rescue. So generously did they give them their all with the unfortunates that when Jenny Lind, who was touring the United States (1850-52), heard the story she was so moved by it that she presented the church with the altar silver pictured here. Mr. Dryver is seen representing the congregation and Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker is seen receiving the gift with the two Decorah pastors, I. M. Gjellstad and R. A. Ofstedal, as interested spectators.

In the background is seen a hymnboard from the old Lake View Church.

Historic Altar Silver

Inga Norstog, Curator
Norwegian American Historical Museum

Will Darkness Overtake Us?

Gertrude Hanson

*O turn, earth, turn—lest weakening threads of life
Be vainly spun
And darkness overtake us while we grope
For light from One
Who lit our lanterns with the oil of love;
Lest we, undone
By our neglect of God's true Word, lose all
We have begun
In pride-spawned vanity, and self by sin
Be overrun. . . .
Peace-bringing are the God-marked paths of love
Our dull hearts shun!*

*How scanty are the portions of His grace
That we enfold;
How meanly we partake of all good gifts
That we might hold
Within our hands; how foolishly we strive,
Too narrow-souled
And thankless. . . . Never niggardly the shares
From Him outdoled.
We barter His free light and power and warmth
For dark and cold;
And—turned to moral pygmies—we mistake
Life's dross for gold.*

The New Chinese Lutheran Hymnal

Harold H. Martin

The Lutheran Church has been known as *The Church of the Open Bible* and as *The Singing Church*. The Bible and the hymnbook go hand in hand as two of the most important possessions that God has given us. Wherever our Church has been established we have passed on to the infant churches the Bible and the hymnbook.

Historical Background

In China the first edition of the Lutheran hymnal was published in 1920 under the Rev. Ingvald Daehlin's supervision. A separate tunebook was later printed to go with it.

In the fall of 1946 the General Assembly of the Lutheran Church of China unanimously decided that the hymnbook should be revised, and a committee was elected for that purpose. Work had barely been begun when the project was brought to an abrupt halt by the Communist occupation of China.

After the transfer of the Lutheran Theological Seminary from central China to Hong Kong, new missionary efforts were put forth in this area by Lutheran groups evacuating from the mainland. With the Seminary as a nucleus, a flourishing work was started among the hundreds of thousands of mandarin-speaking refugees from the interior. Dozens of congregations and preaching places were established and thousands of converts baptized. A considerable work in Taiwan also was begun. To meet the needs of the growing Lutheran community it became an absolute necessity to have a new, revised Lutheran hymnal. The old stock of hymnals had been exhausted and the old tunebook had long since become a relic.

In the summer of 1951 an appeal was made to the writer, a teacher at the Seminary, who had headed the old committee, to take the task in hand. A new com-

mittee was organized and the work came under way the following year. In September, 1954, the sol-fa edition (with melody printed in numbers) was published in 6,000 copies. These were soon exhausted and a new edition slightly revised and corrected is under way. The music or note edition, which has required most of the work, is now ready for the press.

A Union Project

This new Lutheran hymnal, entitled *Hymns of Praise*, is a union project representing sixteen synods, established by missions from Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, and the United States. It incorporates contributions from twelve of the synods. There are 600 hymns and songs of all types to meet the tastes of the various groups. In all, 304 hymns were retained from the old book and 296 new ones added.

The final selections were submitted to the Lutheran Missions Literature Society and voted on by that sponsoring body. Most of the old hymns were thoroughly revised or completely retranslated and many of the new hymns were put into Chinese verse for the first time.

Special Features

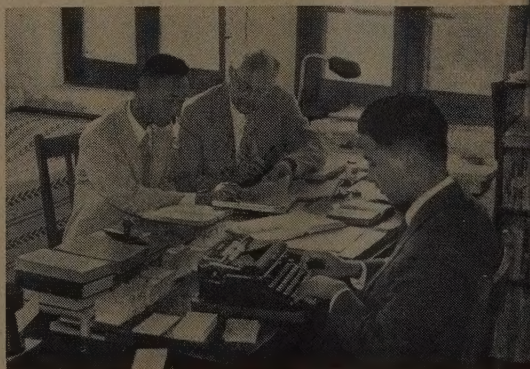
In the new hymnal the following features may be of special interest:

- (1) This is the first music edition of the Chinese Lutheran hymnal ever printed.
- (2) Every century of our Christian era is represented and many countries, and songs from the Old and New Testaments are also included. As we sing hymns with David and Paul, Clement of Alexandria and Ambrose, John Hus, Luther and the other Reformers, and the host of later hymn writers from many lands, we become conscious of the true fellowship of believers, unlimited.

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Chinese Union Lutheran Hymnal Commission



Working on the translation

衆光之源,光照我

普通崇拜:主日

LIGHT OF LIGHT, ENLIGHTEN ME

我是世界的光,跟從我的,必要得着生命的光——約8:12

Meinhold

Benjamin Schmolck, 1714

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Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

1 衆 光 之 源, 照 我, 當 此 美 妙 黎 明 來 臨;
 2 衆 安 主 喜 樂 萬 福 源, 上 心 引 燭 親 管 生 命 甘 泉;
 3 求 我 之 樂 萬 福 源, 上 心 引 燭 親 管 生 命 甘 泉;
 4 願 我 喜 樂 萬 福 源, 上 心 引 燭 親 管 生 命 甘 泉;

恩 日 普 照 黑 夜 盡 懇 求 照 我 禮 拜 清 晨;
 怨 求 釋 放 我 心 靈, 時 使 常 向 我 發 愛 施 憐;
 黑 暗 遮 目 求 消 除, 歡 然 逃 避 錯 認 主 試 憐;
 拋 棄 塵 世 諸 俗 慮, 歡 然 逃 避 錯 認 主 試 懷;

有 主 恩 光 照 我 心 安 息 聖 日 大 歡 欣
 願 主 真 道 蒙 賜 福 多 結 善 果 榮 高 天
 異 端 預 火 不 可 燃 免 傷 主 心 聖 同 聖 壇
 願 能 管 堂 樂 與 衆 徒 徒 同 參 拜。

- 5 主我同居即安息, 在我心中樂園建立; 求主常向我顯現,
 捨命大愛使我歸依; 主有靈油無窮盡, 使我燈火永美明。
- 6 思慮虛榮盡無存, 此日應當歸主爲聖; 榮耀君王請降臨,
 充滿殿宇住我內心; 今日無事擾亂我, 在主愛中心安靜。

The congregations of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Dominion of Canada make up the Canada District, one of our ten. In addition, these congregations also constitute a Church: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. It is the only district which is incorporated and therefore the only one which can hold title to its property. In the case of the other nine districts, property such as the residences of the district presidents is held by the Church at large.

The reason for this unique arrangement is, of course, that Canada is a foreign country. To use those words to describe it strikes us as strange. There is that long, long unguarded boundary line. There is the ease of entry and exit: a somewhat perfunctory "check" by customs and immigration officials. There is the similarity of language.

Nevertheless, Canada is not America. The Church there can develop most normally as an indigenous Church, intimately a part of the entire Church, of course, a geographical sector of it, and yet separate from it. It is the only district we have which is a Church, operating under a charter granted by the Government of the Dominion.

In extent, the Canada District is very large. It has a congregation in Winnipeg, province of Manitoba, the eastern edge; westward it extends to Vancouver, British Columbia, on the Pacific Coast. In the south, there are many congregations near the American border; to the north, it extends into the famed Peace River area. The addition of British Columbia is of recent date (1950); that province was formerly part of the Pacific District.

In membership the district is one of our smallest—only slightly more than 20,000 souls. There are at present 70 parishes, most of them multiple-congregation. This is in large measure due to the fact that most of the congregations are small (average size about 100 baptized members).

There was a time when the Canada District was not considered among the most progressive. There seem to have been a number of factors which played in. One was a species of isolationism based on language and national origins. Our Church in Canada remained Norwegian in complexion longer than was the case in the States. Another type of isolationism is more intangible—a sort of spiritual bent which continues to be the chief strength of the district but which can easily make of a congregation an island of subjectivism, not particularly inviting to the unchurched.

Another factor was the lack of an indigenous ministry. Young American pastors did not as a rule become Canadians; too often these "strangers in a strange land" did not stay long, nor did they become completely identified with the life and thought of their people. Economic factors no doubt entered in; so did the fact that communities were small and scattered.



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As we reread the last paragraphs, we realize that they could be misunderstood. We hope they will not be. From our Canadian brethren we have learned the things, and we have yet to meet one of them who fails to appreciate the tremendous, sacrificial work in the pulpit and pew during the first half-century of the Church's Canadian history. From what we have seen we fully share their respect and admiration.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada is living in a new day. Its story of progress the past decade or so is one of the most heartening and encouraging in the annals of our Church. Just as many factors conspired to make earlier progress somewhat slow, so a number of factors enter in to make this "Canada's new day."

By all odds the most important is Luther Theological Seminary. The beautiful white building in Saskatoon, which houses that institution is the center and focal point of the Church even as the spirit and accomplishment of the school is its heartbeat. Now Canada can and does—educate its own young men to be its pastors. It takes them from the congregations and sends them back into the congregations. They are Canadians; they are Canadian Lutherans; they are Canadian Lutherans shaped in the mold of the Church's spiritual life and emphasis. Since they are children of their Church, the highest ambition is to serve the Church that gave them the birth; for them no "green pastures" far away beckon.

What a tremendous change this has made in the nature of Canada's ministry may be seen from the fact that less than a dozen of the 65 pastors in the service of the district are Americans. Possibly only half a dozen pastors are non-Canadians.

Second in importance are the two other education institutions of the district: Camrose Lutheran College and Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, the former located in Alberta, the latter in Saskatchewan. Not only do most of the theological students receive their early education there, but a steady stream of lay leaders goes from these schools into the congregations. The same is true of the Bible School in Camrose which, while it is non-synodical in character, gives training to many of our young people.

God has been very good in the leaders He has provided for the Church in Canada. At the risk of omitting names which should be included we mention the following: Dr. Mars Dale, district president (re-elected a

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this year's convention) is giving the district inspired, wise, and evangelical leadership. Dr. Olaf Storaasli, president of the Seminary, has been a servant of the Canadian Church for nearly twelve years. He is a sound and thorough theologian and a good churchman. Others are Professor T. P. Solem, teacher of theology; Dr. George Evenson and the Rev. K. C. Grundahl, presidents at the two schools; the Rev. A. M. Vinge, editor of the *Shepherd* (official periodical) and president of the Bible School. To be sure, as the years go by, Canadians will be in all positions of leadership. In the meantime some of these "importations" are of inestimable blessing.

The convention of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada was held in Saskatoon June 9-12. The editor was present for the duration of the convention and esteemed it a meeting of "mountain tops."

The beautiful Lutheran Home for the Aged at Saskatoon was dedicated. This is the second such institution erected by our Church in Canada. (The other is at Camrose.) In an early issue we hope to have pictures and more details concerning this Home.

A full-time Youth Director for the district was installed—the Rev. S. M. Nelson. He is Canadian born and bred, grandson of the sainted Rev. Daniel Nelson, our pioneer China missionary.

Four graduates of Luther Theological Seminary were ordained to the ministry. Five men graduated this year, but one of them will devote a year to graduate study before being ordained. Five men in a Church of 20,000 members—not bad. To reach the same proportion Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, would have to graduate 230 men!

Of particular interest to us was the discussion of merger at the convention. In this area as in others, Canada has problems of its own. Two years ago the district convention gave serious consideration to the advisability of becoming completely autonomous. The convention concluded that the time was not ripe for such a drastic step. Four years ago, there seemed to be little interest in the subject of merger.

This year the Canada District is in reality faced with three possibilities. The immediate question, of course, is whether the district favors the merger. Our impression of the discussion was that it revealed a good deal of sentiment favorable to the merger.

Another possibility is that the Canada districts of the four bodies might form an autonomous Canadian Church. There has been some discussion of this course of action but no specific plan has been proposed.

There is also the possibility of initiating negotiations looking toward one united Lutheran Church of Canada. Conversations have been carried on with Lutherans not included in the projected four-way merger, notably with Augustana, The United Lutheran Church, and Missouri. While such a move is probably premature, our impression is that such an eventuality in the foreseeable future is much more likely in Canada than it is in the United States.

The coming twelve months will be of great importance in merger discussions in Canada. Our prediction is that the immediate future will find plans perfected for a Canada District of the merged Church, with a corporate structure quite similar to that of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. We also have the feeling that the day of complete autonomy for the Church in Canada may not be very far distant.

What of the future of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada? In addition to being bound up with the seminary and other schools, it is, of course, definitely linked with Home Mission development. In Canada, as in other parts of the ELC, a completely new approach to Home Mission development has come. The Home Mission Committee reported to the district convention its plans for the immediate future, and they sounded just like the reports one heard in the other districts: so many fields assigned, so many to be occupied in the immediate future. Always, the new plan (not so "new" now) of a complete financial "package" to get started in a new place was taken for granted.

It was not always so. Last December, at the "Canada Lutheran 'Today-Tomorrow' Conference," Dr. George Evenson spoke on Home Missions. Looking back over his shoulder he said: "In 1945, 27 of the 50 parishes of the ELC in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta were being subsidized by Home Missions. Most of these had been so subsidized for 20 or 30 years."

He went on to contrast those conditions with the present. Now congregations are realizing their responsibilities. Most of them find it possible to assume self-support in a short while. Thus, available money has a rapid turn-over, and more congregations can be established. The result is a rate of growth which, while not tremendous, is equal to the average for the Church at large.

"The District That Is a Church" was in festival mood at its 1955 convention. Well it might be. Without losing its great spiritual heritage of the past, it has adopted the methods of the present and the future. The results are highly gratifying.

New Chinese Hymnal

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by time or space, all worshipping the same Lord and Master. This is a real experience of the Communion of Saints.

(3) The outstanding hymn writers of Christendom are represented as completely as possible.

(4) The texts of the Church Year and the various aspects of Christian faith and life are adequately covered.

(5) The hymnal contains the best classical hymns of the Lutheran Church. The Lutheran chorale, with its sublime beauty and expressiveness, has been made the backbone of the collection. If we can keep the tradition of the Reformation, which won its way into the hearts of the people through its singing as well as through its preaching, we shall be doing well. The enemies of the Church, and hell itself, trembled before these mighty hymns. May we make these hymns widely known and loved, that the hymnody of our Church may be kept at a high level.

(6) The translations have been put into simple, flowing Chinese verse, and difficult characters have been eliminated.

(7) The original thought and flavor of the hymns have been preserved to a remarkable degree.

(8) The words have been made to fit the music. The use of weak words in places of musical emphasis has been avoided.

(9) Only one melody is used for each hymn. This principle not only saves a good deal of expense and cuts down on the bulk of the hymnbook, but it also makes for unity in the singing throughout the Church. Most of the alternate melodies appear elsewhere in connection with other hymns and if desired can easily be found by using the index of meters. However, too much juggling around with melodies makes for confusion. It would seem preferable to get into the habit of associating each hymn with its own melody.

(10) About ten per cent of the hymns and melodies are of Chinese origin.

(11) A specially large number of stirring hymns are included for the Christmas and Lenten seasons, when a great deal of singing is done.

(12) Many children's songs have been added to the hymnal so that this same book may be used both for Sunday school and for church. There is a distinct advantage in having the Sunday school and church hymnals combined. The children will not be weaned away from good church music, and as they grow up they will get the feel of using the church hymnal. When they grow up they will love the book with which their childhood experiences of worship are associated.

(13) At the head of each hymn is printed a key Scripture passage. Just one glance at a golden thought from Scripture will enhance the preciousness of the hymn.

(14) The names of author, composer, and source together with the tune name and meter, are indicated for each hymn. This information should increase the interest in the hymns themselves.

(15) The hymnal has a complete set of indexes, including biographical notes concerning authors and composers.

(16) There is included a list of appropriate hymns with as few duplications as possible for all the Sunday and festivals of the Church Year. In following these suggestions the congregations will avoid the continuous use of a few easy songs and will become familiar with the hymnal as a whole.

Thank God!

It is with thankfulness to God that this complicated project has been brought to a finish. Without His grace it could not have been accomplished. Whether in public worship, in family devotions, or in private exercises may this book of hymns go forth to perform its mission to the glory of Christ and to the spiritual upbuilding of His members!

If former China missionaries or anyone else should be interested in buying the hymnbook, copies will in the near future be available at the office of the Board of Foreign Missions, 422 S. 5th St., Minneapolis 15, Minn.

I Need Not Fear

Myra Johannesen

*From autumn seeds—
The summer flowers grow;
From shades of night—
The stars send out their glow.*

*For sorrow's tears—
He gives to me a song,
To light the path
For others when the way is long.*

*From bitter pain—
A bright new sunset glows,
And morning breaks
From out the darkest woes.*

*The clouds shall part,
And night shall turn to day;
I need not fear—
This, too, shall pass away.*

Monotony Is Broken

Lloyd Svendsbye

was raining outside and rather muddy. A little way up the mountain side, large patches of snow reminded me that winter had not quite made its exit.

A little German woman—let us call her Mrs. Maria Bahr—from Rumania was quickly making her way through the rain to a low, brown barracks on the outskirts of Salzburg, Austria, where the Lutheran World Federation has its offices.

Her shoulders were a bit stooped. Her coat was very thin. But her step was quick and she moved like a man with an energetic determination. She was humming a folk song and was smiling broadly.

As she entered the LWF offices, she excitedly clutched a letter which told her the good news for which she had waited for years: her visa had arrived! Everything was in order for her to emigrate to the US with her children under the Refugee Relief Act.

She had good reason to be excited and happy because it seemed that life was about to change. And life had indeed been too kind during the past 12 years.

It seemed almost impossible to her that the nightmare which had begun in 1943 was about to end. In that year her husband was forced into the German army to replenish the crumbling Nazi forces. He left, never to return, as bullets mowed him down in 1944.

This tragedy left Mrs. Bahr a widow with a six year son and a four year old daughter, and with little outside help to run the small farm. She did not have much, however, in which to brood over her difficulties, because a few months later the oncoming Red army forced her to evacuate home and flee.

It was in the late fall of 1944. She, her parents, a brother, and two other families packed a wagon with blankets, meal, meat, and potatoes, and headed west. Behind the wagon they tied a cow to provide milk for the children. Only the very youngest of them rode in the wagon. Everyone else walked from dawn until dusk, over rocky mountain roads.

As the weeks dragged into months, the food gradually disappeared. The meal was gone and there was no meat. The potato sack was empty. So they sold their cow and cashed on.

The horses, thin and tired, moved more slowly each day. They lost their shoes and became sore-footed. They lacked the strength to pull the wagon up the highest hills, so both men and women had to push. One by one, precious items were tossed from the wagon to lighten the load. The children, too, were forced to walk. And as the Russians came closer, the refugees were forced to travel day and night until they were so tired they could go no further.

Finally, in lower Austria, the horses played out completely and had to be sold. But the plucky refugees kept going—pushed by fear and pulled by hope of something better.

All this transpired eleven years ago. But the intervening years offered little better.

Arriving in Salzburg, they found a home in the barracks. The tiny 8-by-10 room had to be shared with four relatives, making a total of seven occupants in one room. For nearly two years Mrs. Bahr was unemployed, except for an occasional opportunity to work by hand for a nearby farmer.

Not until 1947 did she find work. Then she got a job knitting stockings and has been employed by the same firm ever since. By knitting, she has earned enough money to keep her children with her, to feed and clothe them, and to send them to school.

Pleasure has never been allowed to break the monotony. For eight years, six days a week, Mrs. Bahr has left her little barracks room at 5:45 in the morning to catch the train to work. For the first four years, she worked until 9:00 P.M., but recently, she has left work at 6:00. Then there is the train ride home, the walk through rain or snow to the barracks, only to begin her house work at 8:00 P.M. and repeat the schedule the next day.

For a time the children were at school. Lately, they, too, have had jobs. The son works as a plumber's apprentice at \$2.00 per week. The daughter is a seamstress' helper at about the same wage scale.

This story is typical for a refugee family, except for one thing: the final outcome. This family has an assurance and a visa under the US Refugee Relief Act. *They can emigrate.* No longer will they have to work one hour per day just to buy a quart of milk. They can look forward with hope and a feeling of security. They can smile because the monotony is about to break and the tides of disappointment are about to turn. They can make plans because they know they have a job waiting for them, and they can await the time when once again they will have a place to call home.

But for other refugees, the story is the same: no visa, little hope, the same monotony, a cold house where the wind pushes snow through the window crevices and the rain penetrates the ceiling.

With her visa safely in the hands of LWF, with despair behind and hope ahead, you can understand why Mrs. Bahr was excited and why she smiled.

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Seminarians ordained to the Holy Ministry upon acceptance of Calls to the Military Chaplaincy extended to them by their Church.
Back row—left to right: Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of South Central District and chairman of the Military Chaplaincy Commission; Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, president of The Evangelical Lutheran Church; The Rev. Bernt C. Opsal, president of Lutheran Bible Institute and member of the Military Chaplaincy Commission; Chaplain (Col.) Gynther Storaasli, USA Ret., director of Military Chaplaincy Commission.

Front row—left to right: Donald J. Ostrout (Army), Grant Gard (Air Force), James Weldon Smith (AF), Oliver K. Olson (Navy), Wallace O. Klandrud (AF), Paul Roe (AF), Stuart Barstad (AF).

The Proposed Merger

Olaf J. Engh
Fennimore, Wis.

If it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God (Acts 5:39).

These words of Gamaliel express the feelings which most of us have regarding the proposed merger. The large degree of agreement, the emphatic voice of our people both in convention and out of it could hardly have been reached, if it were not of God. In the unity of the Lutheran Church in America we have taken the natural first step. It must begin with a union among the smaller middle-of-the-road Lutheran synods. For these smaller synods to have at this time begun negotiations towards union with either Missouri

or The United Lutheran Church would not have been true union, but an absorption. This will be the fate of the Augustana Lutheran Church, if she accepts the ULCA invitation to organic union. She may delay the swallow for a few years by trying to maintain her heritage or a separate ULCA synod. When the middle-of-the-road Lutherans in one body, they will be in a position to discuss union with both the Missouri Synod and The United Lutheran Church on a basis of equality.

There are two points which I would like to see definitely included in the plans for the new Church:

(1) That the district meetings, where the local congregations are represented, have a voice in deciding important policies and decisions in the Church.

(2) That the right of individuals and congregations sponsor and support independent movements such as the Lutheran Bible Institutes, the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement.

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Of Motes and Beams

Harold B. Kildahl

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

July 3, 1955

Text: Matthew 7:1-6

One of the high dramatic moments in Shakespeare occurs when King Henry VI and his lords stand by the bedside of dying Cardinal Beaufort, listening to his confession of guilt. The king offers the dying man an opportunity to make a sign that he is repentant and sorry for his sins, but the cardinal dies before the sign can be made. Then one of the lords says: "So bad a death argues a monstrous life." But gentle King Henry replies, "Forbear to judge, for we are sinners all."

And so we are. Yet, though it be true, it is difficult to admit. One of the dominant characteristics of natural man is the tendency always to justify himself. Regardless of the circumstances surrounding his life, man in his natural state can wiggle around quite skillfully to find a justifying reason for what he has done, and for what has happened to him. It is usually "not me, but the other fellow." If we were to follow our natural tendencies without the protecting social accommodations that we have learned and acquired, this would be a world in which blame would rest on the other fellow. We would be a generation of informers and accusers. But we would never really accuse ourselves.

There is another tendency that natural man often succumbs to in his relations to his fellow men. It is the tendency to judge, to make harsh judgments. It is quite easy to see the faults, the sins, the selfishness and pride of other people, to ridicule and subtly make light of the other fellow.

These tendencies, our Lord says, are all wrong. They are surely not becoming to Christians. They cannot really fit into the pattern of Christian faith or the relationship of a saved soul to the Lord. Therefore our Lord speaks thus: "Judge not, lest ye be judged."

The law of the Lord is this: "As you sow, so shall you reap." This is as inexorable as gravity. If you sow self-righteousness, or if you sow harsh judgments of other people, if you go through life in a state of conscious self-righteousness, wherein always there is something really wrong with you but always something wrong with the other fellow—you will have earned the reward that your own delusion offers. But be sure of this—you will reap the same judgment at the hand of God.

How much better to be honest—honest with the Word of God, honest with the Spirit of God, honest in your own heart, as the Spirit guides you to confession and repentance, honest with Christ as you yield your life to His Spirit and let His love be reflected in your life. Amen.

Home Mission Briefs

Vernon E. Holte

The thrill of finding "interested" people . . . the problem of missing furniture . . . getting acquainted . . . discovering that our Sunday school books compare with the best . . . building the congregation for the first Sunday . . . parish worker getting calloused knuckles.

Few doorbells to push . . . few house numbers . . . streets not marked . . . getting lost in the woods . . . the problem of buying property . . . the joy of organizing—adult confirmation—adult baptism—children's baptism—reception of members—all in one service!

Fellowship around a cup of coffee . . . reviewing "The Chaos of Cults" . . . being optimistic to believe that promise to attend church will be fulfilled . . . the encouragement of neighboring Lutheran churches . . . the congratulatory messages from a dozen pastors.

The slump of summer—picnics, irrigation, vacations . . . meeting new faces and visitors at the church door . . . the first communion service. . . "Pastor, can't we continue these classes of instruction?" . . . rebuffed, discouraged . . . the grace of God is sufficient . . . enlightening visits from Home Mission leaders . . . the problem of making decisions . . . a "different" Sunday school picnic . . . members find the joy of service in cleaning the church and caring for lawn.

"I will build my church," saith the Lord . . . late hours . . . difficult questions . . . scratches on new church furniture . . . being welcomed into the district . . . a tablecloth for fair linen . . . an altar of card tables . . . talking Christianity until midnight and after.

The Home Mission Board breezing in and out . . . who will mow the lawn? . . . how will we make our minimum budget? . . . sickness, operations . . . surveying the field . . . surveying the property . . . clearing the title . . . keeping the home office informed . . . settling disputes . . . disappointments . . . training in responsibility . . . reminders of the faithfulness of God . . . approving and disapproving plans . . . laying cornerstone with gold-plated trowel. . . *Dedication at last!*

(Pastor Holte, formerly at Madras, Oregon, is now a Navy Chaplain, stationed in the Philippines.)

Progress Report LUTHERAN REFUGEE SERVICE

June 6-10, 1955

Assurances

To January 1	2,220
June 6-10	71
Total Assurances	3,612

Arrival of Refugees

To January 1	61
June 6-10	25
Total Refugees Arrived	657

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Heston

TOWARD THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Lesson: Acts 26:1-18

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Monday, July 4 OUR NATION

Read Galatians 5:13

Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another.

On this day we ought to do more than give passing thought to what it means to be an American. We should try to understand that we have many and great gifts as citizens of our nation. This is the Land of the Free.

As Christians we appreciate freedom and pray that God will spare our nation from all things that will rob us of this heritage. In addition to this we will strive to use our freedom under God in such a way that our nation will increase in righteousness. We will bring God and His Word into the picture that our nation will not be destroyed by sin. We will use our freedom to be active, interested members of community life, and, through our church membership, help promote truth and peace through the Prince of Peace.

O Lord, we would not say "our nation, right or wrong." Make our land Thine, then it will be truly strong. Amen.



Thursday, July 7 CALLING OF SAUL

Read Acts 9:1-19

Now as he journeyed he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed about him.

Saul, who later was named Paul, was called to be a Christian by the same Christ who calls people today. One great difference in the call of Saul and that of many others is that his was highly dramatic. There was a "sudden light from heaven." This was followed by a voice. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Then came full directions as to the immediate course Saul was to take.

The call of Matthew and that of Philip were on the "quiet" order, in comparison with that of Saul. And this is true of so many people who have become true Christians. The Bible does not say that certain outward things have to happen when you come to Christ, but it does say that the Holy Spirit has to accomplish real things inside you, in your heart and mind.

The first thing God wants is repentance. This is followed by the gift of faith.

Dear Jesus, assure me of my salvation.

Tuesday, July 5 FRUITFUL CALLING

Read John 1:43-51

And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

One is reminded of how it went when Jesus called Matthew. The response there was immediate just as it seems to have been when Philip was called. Both of these men were wise to answer the call of the Master before a "hundred reasons why they should not do so" had a chance to ruin Christ's plan. Many, many times Jesus manages to do fruitful calling.

When Philip was called he lost no time in going to work on his new assignment. He found Nathanael. He knew that Christ had called him not only for himself, but that through him others also might be called. Through Philip Christ's call bore more fruit.

Whoever I am, wherever I may be, when God calls me to follow Him, my response should be sure. Then the joy I have is a joy I must share. Just as a child, though not childish, I must be anxious to tell of the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Make me useful in Thy Calling. Amen.



Friday, July 8 WISE BUILDERS

Read Matthew 7:24-29

"Every one then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock."

How wise we would be to take Jesus at His word! He knows the difference between wisdom and folly. But one of our troubles is that we do not listen to His Word. In our day we like to do our building on other standards. If it isn't the standard of our own selfishness, it's the standard that the world sets for us. We invest our time, talents, and possessions in things that don't matter, and we are fooled into thinking that while we are going after them, at least, when we get our hands on them we will be satisfied. This is sand, and no house can stand upon it for long.

Those build wisely who build according to the will of God. Paul revealed the secret of his good life when he said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Once he had started to build as a Christian he followed the blueprint of God's will. His house stood upon the Rock.

Let me build for eternity. Amen.

Wednesday, July 6 HOLY GROUND

Read Exodus 3:1-15

"Put off your shoes from your feet for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

So said God to Moses when He talked with him, and made His presence known in the burning bush. The ground was holy, for Moses was in the presence of God.

None of us in this life will ever have an experience like this, but there are places that should be holy, and are holy. The church we attend is one such place. And we should treat it with respect because it is our meeting place with God. When we come into it, it should not be like going into a store, a place of business, or a place of entertainment. We should "take off our shoes," because wherever we go for the purpose of worshipping it is holy ground.

We "take off our shoes" when we bow humbly in the spirit of true worship. We don't "pull up in the presence of God" with the same off-handedness that goes with waving to a neighbor. We worship God.

Teach me true worship, O Lord. Amen.



Saturday, July 9 THE SURE HARVEST

Read Genesis 19:15-26

Then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven.

These two cities were reaping exactly what they had sown. They could not prosper, they could not continue, they could not stand because they were full of sin. "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption." These cities had sown corruption and now the harvest was in. As with cities, so also with individual men and women.

But if this is true on one side it is true on the other. "He who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life." This is the good news that heartens the Christian. God will forgive the repentant man, and He will give him a faith that will produce the fruits of righteousness. Through this gift God brings forth a harvest, not to corruption, to be sure, but to eternal life!

Prosper good fruit among us, O God.

Here and There on the Christian Front

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AMERICAN BAPTISTS CHOOSE LAYMAN



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Frank A. Nelson, a Racine, Wisconsin, businessman, was elected president of the American Baptist Convention at its 48th annual meeting. He succeeds Dr. Carney Argroves, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Philadelphia. Mr. Nelson is a manufacturer of railroad and automotive equipment.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SEEK JOINT BAPTIST CRUSADE

The American Baptist Convention has been invited by the newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention to co-operate in a five-year evangelistic crusade to "win America for Christ." Presenting the invitation in person, he said it was also being extended to the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., and the National Baptist Convention of America—both Negro groups.

The Southern Baptists are anxious for the four Baptist denominations to participate in the crusade, which will start in 1959 and culminate in 1964, the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work on this continent. If the joint effort materializes it will be the first time that Southern Baptists have co-operated with other Baptist groups in such a campaign.

The new president, Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., expressed the hope that the campaign could be launched at a joint meeting of between 5,000 and 50,000 Baptists representing 16,500,000 members of the four

major Baptist bodies in this country. He explained that there was no thought of organic union implied, but suggested the crusade might "ease tensions and settle problems" among the several Baptist bodies.

MORAL EDUCATION THROUGH THE ATOM

Atomic energy "is a God-given means for the moral education of mankind," Thomas E. Murray, a member of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, told the Catholic Press Association. He said the discovery of atomic energy "should make men see the essentially moral nature of war as a necessary method of enforcing the supreme law of international justice always under stringent conditions. If atomic energy has this effect, then the atomic age will have helped mankind to a new moral maturity."

"Perhaps this is one lesson that God wants man to learn from the fact that he now possesses a new kind of force," he continued. "History is the record of man's selfish and irresponsible use of force. But now man cannot afford to be selfish or irresponsible in his use of force; for the result would be his own destruction."

Condemning man's mood of fear, futility, and fatalism, he said: "The harnessing of atomic energy is the high point in man's centuries-long effort to subdue the earth. What we need to remember is that man has reached this high point in virtue of a divine command spoken to him and indeed planted in his very nature. There is no need then for cherishing feelings of guilt."

INVITE NEGRO CHURCHES TO SHIFT CONFERENCES

Eight Negro Methodist churches in and near New York City were officially invited to join the denomination's New York East Conference (white). A resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted by more than 500 delegates at the annual meeting of the conference. Although geographically in

the boundaries of the New York East Conference, the eight churches are administered by the Delaware Conference, a unit of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction of the Church.

The Central Jurisdiction, an administrative Negro body which overlaps the five other jurisdictions of the Methodist Church, was set up when the northern and southern branches of Methodism united in 1939. The invitation which has been extended is one of five steps in the process of accomplishing this racial integration in Methodist Church government.

FEAR FOR REFUGEES IN AUSTRIA

The 530,000 refugees in Austria are fearful that Austria's newly gained independence may endanger their status and cause their repatriation back to countries behind the Iron Curtain, according to reports received at Salz-

STUDENT READS AT ANNUAL MEETING



Pauline Nodturrft, student at the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind, reads from the Braille Bible. Pauline attended the 139th Annual Meeting of the American Bible Society in New York and helped observe the 120th anniversary of the Society's service to the blind. Since 1835, the Society has furnished nearly one-half million Scriptures to the blind throughout the world. In contrast to the single-volume Bible used by the sighted, the blind require the 20 large volumes shown in this photo.

FACTORY WORKERS HOLD SERVICES



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Employees of the largest factory in Evansville, Indiana, Servel, Inc., hold a religious service in one of the plant's conference rooms during their lunch hour every Monday and Wednesday. Here one of the employees, Homer Roberts, leads his co-workers in their favorite hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The workers, who have organized as the Servel Bible Club, also hold daily brief periods of prayer before the first factory shift at 7:00 A.M. Sessions are usually conducted by one of the employees, but ministers from various denominations occasionally address the group.

burg. The fears have been aroused by the proposed Article 16 in the Austrian State Treaty Draft which would have given the Soviet Union power to demand extradition of certain refugees from Austria and the right to "persuade" others to return to the countries they once fled.

On the insistence of the Western Powers, Article 16 was dropped from the Treaty which was signed. However, as no statement that Austria will definitely grant further asylum to the refugees was inserted in the treaty, there are still widespread fears that Austria may, on its own or under Soviet pressure, send refugees out, Miss Gertrude Sovik of the LWF office in Salzburg reported.

Fears of enforced repatriation have taken hold of even the 270,000 former refugees who are now citizens of the country, most of whom are former ethnic Germans from other European countries who became Austrian citizens almost automatically. The most fearful for their future are the 260,000 ethnic Germans, displaced persons, and recent refugees who have no other citizenship status than that of a homeless person.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Movies such as "The Prodigal Son" raise the question whether the Bible

"has become for Hollywood a cover-up for suggestion and debauchery," writes Dr. Daniel A. Poling in an editorial in the July issue of the *Christian Herald*. "Considering the immortal words of the Prodigal Son and the Holy One who spoke them, that picture is a per-

version of the scriptural story and, tens of millions who hold the parable to be sacred, it is blasphemy." . . . The Lutheran Church of North Tanganyika has passed the 100,000 mark in membership. Recently accepted as a member Church of the Lutheran World Federation, it has grown to its present size from a membership of 39,000 in 1939. . . . The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has issued a call to churches and Christians to participate actively in political life, pointing out that what is implied in the Church-State separation principle is that the Christian body should seek privilege or power denied to others. It does not imply that churches are not to act as the conscience of the community. . . . Protestants, Jews, Buddhists, Hindu Moslems, and Confucianists will join forces on June 19, in San Francisco for a giant "Festival of Faith" in connection with the United Nations Tenth Anniversary Commemoration. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is slated to be the main speaker. . . . The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra gave a private concert in the Vatican for Pope Pius XII "in gratitude for the help given by the Roman Catholic Church to the Jews during the persecutions of World War II.

SHOW PEOPLE STUDY BIBLE



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Show people of the Chicago area are shown gathered in the North Shore studio apartment of a tuxedo rental tycoon for one of their semi-monthly Bible study meetings. The "Bible Roundtable" sessions have been attended by as many as 40 stage, radio, and TV actors, actresses, singers, producers, writers, and models. They meet on Monday evenings. Sessions are led by local seminary professors. Leader of this session was Dr. George Ernest Wright of McCormick Theological Seminary (center, on couch). The Rev. Louis Raymond of Rogers Park Presbyterian Church serves as the chaplain for the group.

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SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALLING \$12,750 AWARDED TO LEAGUERS

Fifty-five Luther Leaguers through The Evangelical Lutheran Church have recently been named recipients of scholarships totalling \$12,750. These serving young people will enroll next for their first year at one of the colleges of the Church.

The scholarships, awarded through the Lutheran League program of our Church and each in the amount of \$10,000, were made possible by the Women's Missionary Federation of the ELCA and the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Society.

Of \$10,000 voted for 1955 to LEAF (Lutheran Educational Aid Fund) by the WMF, \$8,400 was allocated for this project. This sum made possible 29 scholarships. The Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Society allocated \$4,350, making possible 29 awards.

Members of the WMF-LEAF scholarship committee are: The Rev. Carl L. Hinderlie, youth director for the LC; Dr. Orville Dahl, Division of Higher Education; Miss Alice Sanne, Mrs. Oscar Branstad, and Miss Eleanor Berkman for the WMF. LEAF scholarships are award on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and church activity, though to qualify there must be evidence of need.

The Youth Leadership Award applicants of the Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Society, granted on the basis of scholarship and leadership, are judged by a committee consisting of Mr. Loren Ness, Boys' Work, the Rev. Carroll Hinderlie, and Dr. Orville Dahl.

The task of evaluating the applications became very difficult in view of the large number of young people who applied and all of whom were deserving. It pointed up the need which exists throughout the Church for congregations on the local level to set up scholarship programs. For information about LEAF, write to the Division of Higher Education.

Women's Missionary Federation LEAF Awards

Gertrude D. Albertson, Eau Claire, Wis.
Margaret A. Bakken, Spring Grove, Minn.

Warner H. Bartleson, Kalispell, Mont.
Paul S. Berge, St. Paul, Minn.
Carol L. Bertrand, Alameda, Cal.
Werner A. Boade, Canton, S. Dak.
Paul A. Brandvik, Fargo, N. Dak.
Ardis J. Brostuen, Williston, N. Dak.
Gloria D. Burk, Cooperstown, N. Dak.
Kent A. Carlson, Staples, Minn.
Ethel M. Carter, Yankton, S. Dak.
John T. Christianson, La Crosse, Wis.
Wade E. Davick, Minot, N. Dak.
Gerald A. Dubail, Walnut Creek, Cal.

Marion L. Edensburn, Echo, Minn.
Diana J. Egan, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Vivian J. Ellefson, Jasper, Minn.
Barbara E. Esse, Albert Lea, Minn.
Carolyn L. Flittie, Minneapolis, Minn.
Kearney L. Frantzen, Tacoma, Wash.
Irene R. Gentz, Barrett, Minn.
Joyce A. Hansen, Fowler, Col.
Myrna L. Hendrickson, Eugene, Ore.
Shirley J. Hoegger, Rice Lake, Wis.
Norma L. Hoines, Deming, Wash.
Ruby E. Hyder, Albany, Ore.
Idamae V. Johnson, Denver, Col.
Larry J. Johnson, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Ronald C. Jorgenson, Silverton, Ore.
Eunice M. Keller, Westbrook, Minn.
William H. Koch, Jr., Uniondale, N. Y.

Virginia C. Larsen, Minot, N. Dak.
Robert F. Leitner, Torrance, Cal.
Lynn E. Lokensgard, Uniondale, N. Y.
Wallace L. Lundeen, San Diego, Cal.
Ann E. Lyndahl, Harmony, Minn.
Barbara A. Lyons, Fairbanks, Alaska
Suzanne M. Mathews, Albert Lea, Minn.

Mary A. Mathison, Larsen, Wis.
Raymond H. Merritt, Watertown, S. Dak.

Hugh M. Mikkelsen, Longmont, Col.
Mary T. Nelson, Luverne, Minn.
James E. Nyborg, Spokane, Wash.
Alice M. Nyrness, Granite Falls, Minn.
Edwin E. Olson, Jackson, Minn.
Rose C. Pederson, Kenyon, Minn.
Arnold J. Peterson, Longmont, Col.
Sonya J. Quam, Marshall, Minn.
Arliss E. Roeber, Robbinsdale, Minn.
Pauline E. Saveriede, Hillsboro, N. Dak.

Janice A. Skaar, Bismarck, N. Dak.
Karlton D. Skindrud, Clinton, Wis.
Jerome H. Spitzer, Parshall, N. Dak.
John A. Spooner, La Crosse, Wis.

Geraldine A. Taylor, Ellendale, Minn.
James B. Togeas, Fort Dodge, Iowa

Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Youth Leadership Awards

Carol M. Arneson, Joice, Iowa
Meredith W. Berg, Osage, Iowa
Allen V. Bergh, Long Prairie, Minn.
James R. Bills, Oakland, Cal.
Patricia K. Finn, Pasadena, Cal.
Rose-Mary A. Green, Enderlin, N. Dak.

Lois R. Grimsrud, Kalispell, Mont.
Mary K. Haake, Winona, Minn.
Rochelle J. Handt, Larsen, Wis.
Charlotte S. Heins, Albany, Ore.
Helen J. Hetrick, Ottawa, Ill.
Lois M. Ingemann, Trent, S. Dak.
Clarice E. Johnson, Beloit, Wis.
Leland G. Johnson, Hadley, Minn.
George F. Kerkhove, Valley Springs, S. Dak.

Judith J. Krause, Mobridge, S. Dak.
Gordon R. Long, Stanley, Wis.
Anneline Lynch, Fargo, N. Dak.
Raymond C. Mikkelsen, Blue Earth, Minn.

Mary L. Moe, Albert Lea, Minn.
Kenneth O. Nelson, Missoula, Mont.
Richard A. Olson, Elroy, Wis.
David P. Paulson, Estherville, Iowa
Vernon J. Rice, Fertile, Minn.
Stephen Rogness, St. Paul, Minn.
Alice O. Sand, Elbow Lake, Minn.
Roger Serwold, Poulso, Wash.
Keith Sorbo, Bismarck, N. Dak.
Thomas F. Spande, Mayville, N. Dak.

CORRECTION

On the "Schools and Colleges" page of LUTHERAN HERALD dated June 14, it was inadvertently reported that Mr. Carl Nordlie of Northfield received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Augustana College.

It was Dr. Olaf M. Norlie of Northfield who received the above mentioned honor. Dr. Norlie was an Augustana student of 1891, and has since become prominent as a diversified scholar and educator. An ordained minister, he can claim past presidency of a college as well as many professorships.

He has written on Norwegian American culture and Lutheran publications.

Dr. Norlie is emeritus archivist and classifier of St. Olaf College.

The Proposed Merger

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ment, slum and heathen missions in no way be jeopardized in the new church.

The District Meeting

The district meeting should in a measure take the place of the ELC General Convention in the hearts and minds of our local congregations. To do so, it must be more than a sounding board, which evidently is envisaged in the *Report* of the Joint Committee (page 24, III, 5). As the grassroots body, the important issues facing our Church should be referred to our district meetings, even as we refer important issues facing our states to a referendum of the voters. This could be done in the following manner:

(1) Important resolutions affecting the life and policy of our Church should be submitted to all the district conventions. The following groups should have the privilege of formulating such resolutions: the president of the Church, the Church Council, the Board of Trustees, any of the official synodical boards, a district convention, a resolution approved by the majority of conferences in a district or by 10 conferences in the Church at large. The district convention would have no power to change the resolutions, but in their rejection they could include a memorandum suggesting changes, which would make the resolutions acceptable. The resolutions should be in the hands of the general secretary six months previous to the time of the earliest district convention. The secretary would be the final arbiter as to whether the resolution should be submitted to the district conventions, or held over for the General Convention.

Suggested resolutions to be referred to the district conventions could be: from the Foreign Mission Board to adopt or start a new mission field; from the Home Mission Board to start a new type of work; from the Board of Trustees to adopt a new budget or finance plan for the Church; from the Board of Education to establish a Lutheran university; from the general president to establish a new administrative office; from the general convention for amendments to the Constitution.

(2) If a resolution fails to obtain a favorable vote from the majority of the districts, it would be lost. If it receives a bare majority of the districts, it would be referred to the General Convention for final approval. If two thirds of the districts approve it, it would immediately become effective.

By giving policy-making powers to the district, we will maintain democracy in our Church. With all authority resting in the General Convention, it would be possible that more and more the decisions of our church body would

be made at the top rather than at the grassroots. By this plan the important decisions would be brought right down to the congregational level, where they properly belong.

Independent Movements

One element of greatness in our ELC has been the encouragement we have given to the practice of the Priesthood of Believers. We have recognized the possibility of the Holy Spirit placing a burden on an individual, group of individuals, or a congregation. This burden might be for lay witnessing or evangelism. We have recognized the right of a layman to preach and hold special meetings, as long as they conform to our teachings and practices. Evangelistic movements such as the Hauge Inner Mission Society, or the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement, find their greater strength in our Church.

The Bible School movement finds its great bulwark in our Church. Independent missions to the heathen and the outcasts, such as the Santal Mission, the Lutheran Orient Mission, the World Mission Prayer League, the Globe Gospel Fellowship, and the Gateway Mission all have ardent supporters in our Church. It will be found that usually those supporting these independent missions also generously support all the missions of our Church. God has used these movements, and our Church and people have received rich blessings from them.

In our official attitude towards these movements we need to take to heart the advice of Gamaliel. If we in the congregations are spiritually alive, God will bring to naught any movement which is not from Him. If we officially oppose all these independent movements, we may even be found opposing God. This was true of the organized Church in the days of Hauge in Norway. Also by such opposition we make these movements and individuals radical and schismatic. In an atmosphere of tolerance, they will move more and more to conform to our standards until at last they may be absorbed by our Church.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord" (Zech. 4:6) is God's formula for successful merger negotiations and for work in the new Church. Before God the success of the merged Church will not be determined by how successfully we can settle our differences, and how well we can conform to the pattern for the new Church, but by how completely we in the new Church are transformed into the living body of Christ.

Romans 12:1-2 points the way: "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may approve what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Within the ELC

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accepted a call to Lemon Grove, California. He will move there early in September.

The Rev. C. K. Randoy, pastor at Perley, Minn., since 1950, has accepted a call to a Home Mission parish at

Silverdale, Wash., and will begin this pastorate in August.

Miss Helen Frost, who came to the mission field among Alaska Eskimos in 1926 and has served during the last four years at Shishmaref, was given a farewell party at Shishmaref May 15. After a brief vacation in the States she will return in September to Alas-

ka, to serve as student counselor at Mt. Edgecumbe School in Sitka.

Miss Bertha Stedje, who did missionary work at Teller, Alaska, 1945-50, has accepted a Home Mission call to work in a new mission at Nome. She arrived there early in June.

The Rev. Gerhard Ostrem, ELC missionary to Colombia, wrote the

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED BY SOUTH DAKOTA PARISH



y afternoon, May 29, Dr. L. A. Pierson, president of the South Dakota District, ated the new church of Oldham congregation, Oldham, S. Dak. This new edifice, of Kasota stone, is 110 feet long. At the forenoon and evening services the sermons preached by two former pastors of the parish, S. D. Disrud and Clarence O. Johnson. Education festivities were inaugurated by a series of services held during the preceding week conducted by Dr. Martin Anderson. Present pastor of the Oldham parish is the Morris E. Ulring.

headquarters in Minneapolis late ay that our Colombia missionaries shed an "asamblea" June 22-26. On closing day will take place the oration of Gerardo and Pausanias nes, two Colombians who studied ogy in Argentina.

r. N. Astrup Larsen is serving as im pastor of Trinity Church, Spar-Wis. His address will continue to Decorah, Iowa.

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ew Haven, Wis. West Akers rch, parish of the Rev. M. C. mpson, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary June 12. Festival speakers were: J. A. Aasgaard, the Rev. Marcus ydal (as president of the International Luther League), and the Rev. L. Anderson, Rosholt, Wis., who pastor of the church 1941-47.

eva, Wis. Chimney Rock Church, er a part of the Eleva parish, is a part of the Elk Creek parish, o, served by the Rev. Paul Fret-

thern Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn. An intersynod- committee of 21 members met 8-9 at Central Lutheran Church hake preparatory arrangements for third assembly of the Lutheran ld Federation scheduled to meet Minneapolis Aug. 16-25, 1957. The gram and the budget of the Assem- were discussed. Among the ELC who are members of the commit- are the following clergymen: E. S. rtland, A. M. Kraabel, Oscar A. erson, and Arthur S. Johnson. awson, Minn. Lac qui Parle

City, Minn., and for 29 years a teacher in the high school in Willmar, Minn., died May 22. Funeral services were held in her home church May 20, the Rev. Erling M. Hansen officiating. Miss Norgaard, who was born Aug. 20, 1896, at Grove City, is survived by her sister Gea and her brother, the Rev. Carl H. Norgaard, Everett, Wash.

Carl Solemslie

Carl Solemslie, an active member of Trinity Church, Lynwood, Wash., died May 19, 70 years old. Born in Sunnfjord, Norway, he came to U.S.A. in 1903. Survivors are his wife and a son.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted: 15 to 20 used choir gowns, blue, wine, or black. Write, stating price, Mrs. Lloyd Erickson, Hawley, Minn.

Crookston and Thief River Falls Circuits' WMF will meet at the Lake of the Woods Camp from evening of July 13 to noon, July 15. Guest speaker: the Rev. Arthur Grimstad.

Wilmington Church, Caledonia, Minn., will celebrate its centennial June 23-26. Speakers: Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, Pastors Clarence L. Lee, N. C. Renslo, and O. C. Brenna, and Mr. Clarence Lee, Jr.

New Hope Church, Hayti, S. Dak., will celebrate its 75th anniversary July 17. Speakers: Dr. L. A. Pierson and two former pastors of the parish, J. S. Stoltenberg and Paul D. Sather.

At Billings Circuit Senior Bible Camp at Luther Lodge, McLeod, Montana, the Rev. Ray Mathsen, Cody, Wyo., will be dean. Dean at the Junior camp at Camp Emmaus, Menahga,

Church, parish of the Rev. C. A. Hauge, will observe its 85th anniversary June 23-26. Guest speakers will be Pastors C. M. Hanson, P. O. Wee, R. S. Chelmen (who served the congregation 1921-50), and P. M. Trelstad, a son of the parish.

Rocky Mountain

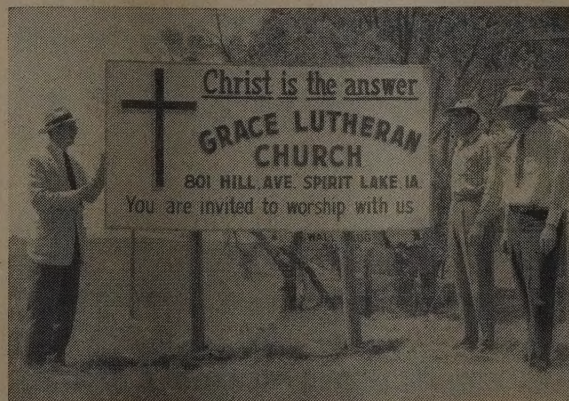
Sandpoint, Idaho. First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. J. F. Masted, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary July 14-17. All the nine pastors who have served the congregation are still living and will be present at the celebration. Dr. A. M. Skindlov was the first resident pastor.

OBITUARIES

Hazel Norgaard

Miss Hazel Norgaard, a life-time member of Immanuel Church, Grove

NORTHERN IOWA CHURCH PUTS UP HIGHWAY SIGNS



Pictured herewith is one of three highway signs put up by Grace Church, Spirit Lake, Iowa, parish of the Rev. F. William Hilker, who is seen to the left of the sign. The signs are erected at entrances to the Spirit Lake area.

Minn., will be the Rev. C. K. Randoy, Perley, Minn.

For Sale: Altar piece (Good Shepherd), painted by the late Arne Berger, at \$85.00. Size: 83x45½ inches; can be cut down some. Contact Mrs. Berger or Mrs. Larson, 3710 14th Ave So., Minneapolis 7, Minn.; phone Pleasant 8536.

Concordia College Library, Moorhead, Minn., being about to move into its new building, has now much more space than formerly for anniversary and special programs issued by congregations within its territory. Congregations are urged to send complimentary copies of anniversary booklets (not only current ones) to the library. Much early history worthy to be preserved will in this way be made available in years to come.

The Placement Service

The purpose of the Placement Service is to assist in the locating of our people in communities served by the Lutheran Church. The Placement Service has not investigated the merits of the propositions advertised and assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to The Placement Service of the E.L.C. New address: 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.

FOR SALE

Farms

Very good 413 acre farm in central Minnesota. More than ½ mi. lake shore, good fishing. Modern 6 room house, phone, electricity, mail and school bus service. Basement barn 40x120, 28 steel stanchions with drinking cups, silo, 3 corn cribs, 2 granaries, chicken house, hog house and other bldgs. Price \$85 per acre, terms can be arranged. 419-1A

240 acre farm with buildings for sale in western Minnesota, 4 mi. from Clinton. House has running water and electric lights. 419-2A

80 acre good clay loam farm for sale, \$4,000, or rent, in fine Lutheran community, western Wisconsin. ½ mi. from school. 25 acres field, good water, barn, silo, and semi-modern 5 room house. Orchard and berries. Owner leaving state. Would consider trading for trailer house that sleeps four. 419-3A

Two farms will soon be offered for sale in Benton Co., Iowa. Near ELC church. 419-4A

Homes

Furnished log-siding cabin at \$2,800, terms. 3 acres of virgin timber, 100 ft. lake frontage on south shore of Lake Superior. Good roads, electricity, 21 mi. west of Bayfield, Wisconsin. 419-5B

Businesses

Up-to-date cafe in prosperous city for sale at \$28,000. Located in the heart of northern Minnesota lake region. 419-6C

Duplex apartment located in Northern Iowa for sale. ELC college town. Excellent income property. 419-7C

Duplex, 4 rooms up and 5 down, with garage, large yard, inside water, and electricity, ½ block from English Lutheran church at Grantsburg, Wisconsin. 419-8C

MONTANA CHURCH MAKES PROGRESS



Pictured above is the church building of the Valier Church, Valier, Montana, which a half a year ago was dedicated by Dr. Reidar A. Daehlin, president of the Rocky Mountain District. This is the first church that the congregation has owned. Since it got its house of worship the congregation has made rapid progress, having during 1954 a rate of increase in membership above 66 percent. At present a part of the Shelby parish served by the Rev. Olaf G. Borge, the Valier Church looks forward to becoming independent parish.

WANTED TO RENT

Life-time experienced farmer, 32, with 4 children, wants to rent 160 acres or more dairy farm on shares, with chance to buy later. Must be modern, near school. Prefer Southern Minnesota. About November 1, 1955. 419-9A

POSITIONS WANTED

36 yr. old man with family of 3 children desires hospital administrator position. University graduate with hospital experience. 419-10E

Band instructor, four year graduate with major in band, minor in English, experienced 20 months with the Second Army band and chorus, wants teaching position for the school year 1955-56. 419-11E

Family man desires position in implement, garage; carpenter or custodian work. Some experience. References given. Prefer Fargo or Grand Forks, North Dakota. Will consider elsewhere. 419-12E

Young family man taking accounting course would like bookkeeping job. 419-13E

HELP WANTED

South Dakota academy has vacancies in the following teaching positions: Commercial, Home Economics, and English; also, Girls' Phy. Ed. in combination with the above. 419-14F

Opening for Educational Director for School of Nursing with 3 year diploma program, associated with 185 bed ELC hospital located in Chicago. Basic sciences taught at nearby college. Affiliations provided for Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Tuberculosis Nursing. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing Education and successful teaching experience required. Master's degree preferred. Time can be arranged to provide opportunity for continued education. Salary liberal, determined by qualifications. 419-15F

Clinical instructor wanted. Medical and surgical nursing. Baccalaureate degree preferred, but will consider applicant with some college preparation and supervisory experience, who will be interested in continuing

education to earn her degree. Salary dependent on qualifications. 419-

Middle-aged woman wanted for general housekeeping for elderly couple in Minnesota town. 419-

Full time housekeeper wanted for family of 4 children. Take complete charge. 419- Elderly woman wanted in Minneapolis Norwegian home for light housekeeping as companion to elderly woman. 419-

Neat, competent housekeeper wanted, nice farm home in North Dakota. Lutheran community. 419-

Middle-aged Lutheran woman wanted housekeeper and companion for elderly man in modern North Dakota city home. 419-

Woman wanted in St. Paul home light housekeeping and as companion to man. Lutheran church next door. 419-

Elderly man wants reliable couple share home in South Minneapolis free of his care. Will also pay \$30 per month his board. References wanted. 419-

Elderly widow wants reliable couple share small home rent free in exchange for care and board, in eastern Wisconsin city of 6,000. 419-2

In Loving Remembrance

Memorial Wreaths—ELC

And I heard a voice from heaven saying Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them. Revelation 14:13
In loving remembrance of dear ones departed, the following gifts for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God have been given.

From April 26-29, 1955

Langseth, Rev. John, Pelican Rapids, Minn., \$20
Larson, Lars H., St. James, Minn., \$1.
Larson, Mrs. Ludvig, Goodridge, Minn., \$10.

mer L., Rochester, Minn., \$19.
 d, Mrs. J., Detroit Lakes, Minn., \$11.
 g, Henry, Marshall, Minn., \$3.
 t, Josephine M., Turtle Lake, No. Dak.,

John, Columbus, No. Dak., \$1.
 d, Mrs. H. J., Des Moines, Iowa, \$185.
 son, Martin, Scarville, Iowa, \$8.
 r, Emma, Adams, Minn., \$20.
 ion, Delvin, Detroit Lakes, Minn., \$5.
 less, Mattie, Colman, So. Dak., \$5.
 le, Isaac B., Frost, Minn., \$58.
 i, Anton, Twin Valley, Minn., \$5.
 Mrs. S. C., Albion, Nebr., \$30.
 Ole, Estherville, Iowa, \$1.
 Mrs. Mary, Litchfield, Minn., \$6.
 ud, Orrin, Orfordville, Wis., \$2.
 n, Mrs. Carl, Fertile, Minn., \$5.
 n, Peter S., Glenwood, \$67.50
 Sarah, Grove City, Minn., \$30.
 tad, Mrs. Palma, Waseca, Minn., \$25.
 ssen, Mrs. Anton, Jewell, Iowa, \$9.
 urn, Maria, Litchfield, Minn., \$3.50
 dson, Lars, Kantron, Minn., \$7.
 hal, J. H., Mabel, Minn., \$5.
 i, Ole, Davenport, No. Dak., \$5.
 s, John J., Ada, Minn., \$5.
 k, Mrs. Alfred, Colgate, Wis., \$3.
 Lloyd G., St. Cloud, Minn., \$11.
 s, Mr. and Mrs. R., Ladysmith, Wis., \$10.
 n, David, Battle Lake, Minn., \$39.
 n, Peter S., Glenwood, Minn., \$3.
 s, B. A., Hanley Falls, Minn., \$5.
 s, William C., Ada, Minn., \$5.
 n, Tommy, Columbus No. Dak., \$8.
 h, Harrie, Starbuck, Minn., \$3.
 son, Lena, Des Moines, Iowa, \$14.
 son, Mrs. Marie R., Lake Mills, Iowa, \$17.
 son, Nels, Oslo, Minn., \$5.
 son, P. J., Mabel, Minn., \$3.
 Laurence, Ridgeway, Iowa, \$2.
 d, Clarence, Pipestone, Minn., \$56.
 hl, Selmer, Frost, Minn., \$36.
 less, Otilia, Adams, Minn., \$10.
 Mrs. T. O., Starbuck, Minn., \$45.
 n, Hilma, Glenwood, Minn., \$5.

Omission on November 1, 1954

son, Ed, Dows, Iowa, \$17.05
 nd, Henry, Dows, Iowa, \$10.75
 on, Monte, Dows, Iowa, \$21.
 er, Lars, Dows, Iowa, \$67.50
 l, Alfred, Dows, Iowa, \$6.

From April 18 through 22, 1955

y, Mrs. E. W., Donaldson, Minn., \$5.
 Ole T., Superior, Wis., \$12.
 son, Miss Amelia, Briceyn, Minn., \$42.
 son, Erick, Staples, Minn., \$25.
 on, A. J., Rosholt, So. Dak., \$7.
 on, Mrs. Olava, Dallas, Wis., \$18.
 n, Mrs. Clara, Sharon, No. Dak., \$10.
 y, Mrs. Annette, Sioux Falls, So. Dak., \$10.
 Jacob, Clearbrook, Minn., \$5.
 Wincent, Fertile, Minn., \$8.
 r, Fred, Sioux Falls, So. Dak., \$2.
 less, S. G., Colfax, Wis., \$8.
 ers, Sr., Henry J., Nyhus, Sr., Ralph E., St.
 Minn., \$20.
 nd, Oscar, Strathcona, Minn., \$5.
 d, Christ, Glenwood, Minn., \$53.
 less, Mrs. Samuel H., Newark, Ill., \$8.
 opherson, Christ, Trail, Minn., \$5.
 sen, Jr., George, Redwood Falls, Minn.,

Mrs. Eva, Beresford, So. Dak., \$2.
 ford, Mrs. Mary, Dallas, Wis., \$21.50
 Carry, Madison, Minn., \$5.
 n, Olaf, Fergus Falls, Minn., \$5.
 n, S. J., Maynard, Minn., \$5.
 ss, M. O., Bocket, No. Dak., \$40.
 i, Elmer, Sacred Heart, Minn., \$64.
 i, Ole, Clearbrook, Minn., \$5.
 on, Arthur, Pelican Rapids, Minn., \$3.
 on, Ed., Mondovi, Wis., \$5.
 less, Mrs. Anna, Fertile, Minn., \$11.
 ad, Abe, Edmore, No. Dak., \$3.
 Andrew C., Lisbon, No. Dak., \$10.
 eas, Mrs. Mike, Superior, Wis., \$10.
 nd, Mrs. Anna, Leonard, No. Dak., \$10.
 and, Tobias, Inwood, Iowa, \$3.
 n, Knute, Superior, Wis., \$10.
 n, O. C., Edmore, No. Dak., \$2.
 s, John T., Carrington, No. Dak., \$10.
 rson, Mrs. L. B., Sioux Falls, So. Dak., \$20.
 rson, Clarence, Strathcona, Minn., \$7.
 er, James, Caledonia, Minn., \$5.
 s, E. S., Superior, Wis., \$10.
 anson, Edw., Garretson, So. Dak., \$3.
 n, Mrs. A. R., River Falls, Wis., \$7.
 a, Ole, Inwood, Iowa, \$42.
 ud, Gunder, Danvers, Minn., \$16.
 stad, Conrad, Garretson, So. Dak., \$10.
 el, Lewis, Alpha, Minn., \$8.
 t, Mrs. Herbert, Morris, Ill., \$5.50
 nd, Mrs. Lars, Clark, So. Dak., \$38.
 son, Andrew E., Duncombe, Iowa, \$5.
 son, Eli, Webster City, Iowa, \$37.
 on, Adolph, Dell Rapids, So. Dak., \$13.
 on, Mrs. Anna E., Superior, Wis., \$24.
 N. H. NELSON, Treasurer

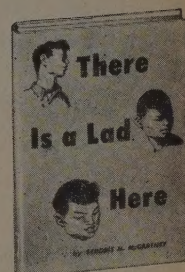
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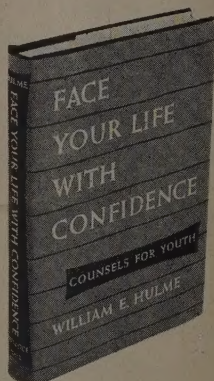
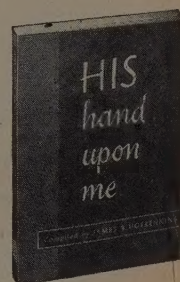
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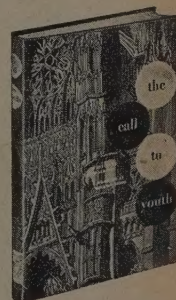
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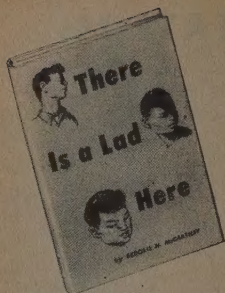
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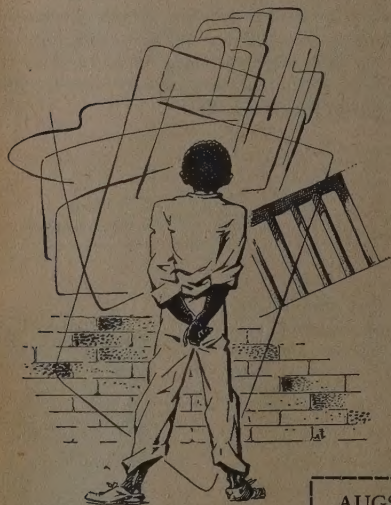


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